

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to first examining the above-identified application, please make the following amendments. In view of this preliminary amendment, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of this application, as amended, in view of the Office Action dated April 14, 2009. Upon entry of this Amendment, Claims 1-7, 10-12, 14-19, 23-27, and 40-41 will be pending in this application. Claims 8-9, 13, 20-22, and 28-39 have been canceled.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.